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E.O. 11652: XGDS-1  
TAGS: CH MR PEPR

SUBJ: PRCMAURITANIA RELATIONS

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1. PRC VICE PREMIER CHEN MU-HUA CANCELLED HER SCHEDULED  
VISIT TO NOUAKCHOTT (REFTEL) BECAUSE OF PRC CONCERN OVER  
THE RECENT COUP, ACCORDING TO THE MAURITANIAN COUNSELLOR  
HERE. THE COUNSELLOR TOLD A WEST GERMAN EMBOFF (PROTECT  
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COURCING) THAT THE PRC HAS STOPPED SENDING TECHNICIANS  
SCHEDULED TO WORK ON SEVERAL PRC AID PROJECTS IN MAURITANIA.  
THE MAURITANIAN SAID THAT THE CHINESE HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN  
ABOUT THE NEW MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARD  
THE PRC.

2. RELATIONS MAY HAVE IMPROVED SOMEWHAT WITH MAURI-

TANIAN MINISTER OF DEFENSE LT. COL. MAAOUYA OULD  
SID AHMED TAYA'S AUGUST 20 ARRIVAL IN PEKING, HOWEVER.  
TAYA HAD TALKS WITH VICE PREMIER KENG PIAO WHO IS  
PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR PRC FOREIGN POLICY.  
ACCORDING TO THE MAURITANIA COUNSELLOR, TAYA TOLD  
CHINESE OFFICIALS THAT MAURITANIAN POLICY TOWARD  
THE PRC HAS NOT CHANGED. HE EXPLAINED THAT MAURITANIA'S  
MAIN PROBLEM IS THE WAR IN THE WESTERN SAHARA. THE CHINESE  
APPEARED TO BE MOLLIFIED BY TAYA'S STATEMENTS AND  
RESPONDED THAT THE PRC WOULD WELCOME A SOLUTION TO THE  
WAR IN WESTERN SAHARA IN HARMONY WITH MAURITANIAN  
INTERESTS AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY. THE CHINESE SAID,  
HOWEVER, THAT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFLICT SHOULD NOT  
LEAD TO THE INTERFERENCE OF ANY FOREIGN POWER. THE WEST  
GERMAN EMBOFF FEELS THAT THIS LAST STATEMENT IS DIRECTED  
AT THE SOVIET UNION. A CHINESE MFA OFFICIAL TOLD ANOTHER  
DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUE THAT THE PRC DID NOT OBJECT TO  
FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN AFRICA.

3. PRC MEDIA HAVE PLAYED DOWN THE MILITARY ASPECTS OF  
THE VISIT. ALTHOUGH A PLA DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF  
ATTENDED SEVERAL OF THE OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS, THE  
PRINCIPLE HOST WAS A VICE FOREIGN MINISTER. CHINESE  
REPORTS CAREFULLY STATE THAT IT IS A GOVERNMENT  
DELEGATION AND NOT SPECIFICALLY A MILITARY DELEGATION.  
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